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HEADQUARTERS DISTRICT OF NEVADA,

Camp McGarry, Nevada, Dec. 31. 1866.

operations of the military of this District, during the year, deserve to be commended by the Commanding Officer, as, it is believed, they will bear favorable comparison with any that have been carried on against hostile Indians in any section of the Union. Several bands have been entirely broken up, and the country has been rendered safe for travelers and settlers. A brief summary will show what these operations have been.

2. On the 11th of January, 1866, Captain George D. Conrad, with 35 men of Company B, and 25 men of Company I, under Lieutenant Duncan, Second California Cavalry Volunteers, attacked a band of hostile Indians on the west side of Queen's river near Fish Creek. Thirty-five Indians were killed and nine taken prisoners, Corporal Biswell and Private Allen of Company I, and Privates Thomas A. Duffield, John Riley and Richard Shultz of Company B, Second California Cavalry, were wounded. Two horses were killed and nine wounded.

3. On the 15th of February, 1866, a detachment under command of Major Samuel P. Smith, Second California Cavalry Volunteers, composed of 32 men of Company D, and 19 men of Company F, same regiment, and 30 citizens, fought the Indians near Rock Canyon—115 Indians were killed and 19 captured. Private Austin of Company D, was killed. Major Smith, Privates Resler, Grimshaw, Rhuman and Belta of Company D, Privates Mills and Smith of Company F were wounded. Major Mellon, Captain Starr and Lieutenant Robinson, Second California Cavalry, accompanied Major Smith. Sixty horses which had been stolen from the settlers were recovered, and a large amount of Indian property was destroyed.

4. On the 7th of March, 1866, Sergeant James T. Edwards, with eight men of Company I, Second California Cavalry Volunteers, killed six Indians in Paradise Valley.

5. On the 18th of May, 1866, one hundred and twenty Indian prisoners were brought in to Fort Churchill, and delivered to Brevet Colonel A. G. Brackett, Major 1st U. S. Cavalry, Commanding Post. They were subsequently turned over to the Superintendent of In-

dian Affairs for Nevada, in obedience to orders from Department Headquarters.

6. On the 1st day of June, 1866, an Indian named "Captain George" was killed near Camp McDermitt by a soldier of Brevet Lt. Col. John P. Baker's, Company L, 1st U. S. Cavalry.

7. On the 16th day of June, 1866, an Indian murderer was killed at Fort Churchill, by Private John Gould, of Captain Charles O. Wood's Company F, 9th U. S. Infantry.

8. On the 26th day October, 1866, a force under command of First Lieutenant John F. Small, 1st U. S. Cavalry composed of 25 men of Company A, 1st U. S. Cavalry, and Lieut. Oatman and 22 men of Company I, 1st Oregon Volunteers, fought the Indians about four miles south of Lake Abert. Fourteen Indians were left dead on the field and seven were taken prisoners. Twelve lodges were burned and a large quantity of Indian provisions destroyed. Two soldiers and one friendly Klamath Indian were wounded.

9. The Indians lost in these affairs one hundred and seventy-two killed and one hundred and fifty-five taken prisoners; a total loss of three hundred and twenty-seven.

(signed) A. G. BRACKETT,
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